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MICHIGAN STUDENTS WIN ECYBERMISSION COMMUNITY AWARD

SHELBY TOWNSHIP, Mich.- Wednesday, May 31, 2006 - Four eighth grade students from Malow Junior High School were presented with the Benefit to the Community award in this year's U.S. Army eCybermission competition. The team, Mustang 1, received the award for trying to remedy bullying problems in their school and community.

The team set up a telephone hotline in the school library, which gave students a confidential avenue to report threats or harassment incidents. Mustang 1 plans to advertise this hotline so that additional Michigan students can participate in reporting harassment problems. Each member of the team will receive a \$2,000 savings bond.

Nance Halle, eCybermission competition leader from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), presented the students with certificates from the U.S. Army at an award ceremony on Thursday, May 25.

"eCybermission is a remarkable event that students can be creative in helping their community...when you open the door for creativity it is amazing to see what the kids can do. This program allows us [Malow Junior High] to enhance the math, science, and technology in our community," commented Janice Settlemoir, Malow Junior High Assistant Principal. "The Army is giving students the opportunity to see their efforts become a reality. It is just an amazing program."

eCybermission is a web-based science, math, and technology competition that allows students in grades six through nine to compete for regional and national awards, while working to solve problems in their community. A total of 1,111 teams comprised of 4,035 students submitted projects to the Army for judging this year. The competition enables students to select a real-life problem in their community and illustrate how math and science technologies apply to everyday life.

Through eCybermission, the Army has awarded more than \$2.5 million nationwide in U.S. Savings Bonds to students. In the past four years, over 25,000 students from across the country and in Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools have participated in the competition.

For a complete listing of 2005-2006 winners and registration dates, visit www.ecybermission.com.

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